



Russia to launch "more than 10" military satellites this year

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Moscow, 15 May: The Russian Space Forces are planning to orbit more than ten sputniks [satellites] for the Russian Defence Ministry before the year is up, ITAR-TASS was told on Wednesday [15 May] at the press service of the Russian Space Forces.

The launching of military-purpose sputniks is being effected in accordance with the federal space programme to "replenish the existing orbital group of space facilities to the level needed to guarantee the country's defence capacity and security". Most of the sputniks were developed with the use of the latest achievements of Russian science and technology. Their service lives range from seven to ten years...

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